

REMARKS

The Office Action dated December 10, 2004, has been received and carefully noted. The amendments made herein and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claim 28 has been amended. Applicants submit that the amendments made herein are fully supported in the specification and the drawings as originally filed, and therefore no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-32 are pending in the present application and are respectfully submitted for consideration.

Title of the Invention

The Office Action took the position that "the title of the invention is neither descriptive nor precise." Applicants have amended the title to recite --A SYSTEM AND A METHOD OF ELECTRONICALLY GATHERING AND INCORPORATING INFORMATION INTO A DATABASE--, which is more descriptive of the present invention.

Claims 1-32 Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hsu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,295,058). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and submit that each of these claims recites subject matter that is neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited prior art.

Claim 1 recites a method for integrating information electronically into an electronic database comprising, among other features, the steps of creating a textual template wherein information from the textual template is recorded in the electronic

database; editing the textual template; and updating the electronic database with the edited textual template.

Claim 10 recites a method for updating a secondary electronic mail system with a primary electronic mail system comprising, among other features, the steps of building textual template; and editing the textual template by recipient.

Claim 18 recites a method for updating an address book contained in a secondary electronic mail system comprising, among other features, the steps of building a textual template; recording information from the textual template into the address book of the secondary electronic mail system; editing the textual template by a recipient; and updating the address book of the secondary electronic mail system with the edited textual template.

Claim 28 recites a system for updating electronic mail comprising, among other features, means for creating a textual template; and an address book associated with the electronic mail system wherein the address book contains the recipient information.

It is respectfully submitted that the prior art fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-mentioned features of the Applicants' invention.

The Office Action characterized Hsu as allegedly "anticipat[ing] (e.g., see col. 4, lines 1-14) the invention substantially as claimed." Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office Action's position and respectfully traverse the rejection.

Hsu merely discloses a method and apparatus for creating multimedia electronic mail messages or greeting cards on an interactive receiver. In particular, column 4, lines 1-14 of Hsu as cited by the Office Action, provides the following:

Systems consistent with the claimed invention [of Hsu] overcome the limitations associated with conventional systems and provide a simple yet versatile way to compose, edit and transmit multimedia greeting cards or multimedia email messages. A user composes a multimedia greeting card or multimedia email message by ***selecting a design template, which has previously been created and stored on the system***. The design template contains one or more slots, into which the user simply drags and drops any desired text, video, or audio data. The user may also edit and add enhancements to the multimedia greeting card or email message. If desired, the user may electronically mail the resulting product to another user (emphasis added).

It is submitted that the method and apparatus of Hsu is neither comparable nor analogous to the system and method of electronically gathering and incorporating information into a data claimed in the present application. In particular, Applicants submit that the present invention, for example, creates and/or builds a textual template, and the textual template is subsequently edited, and the edited textual template is used to update an electronic database.

In contrast, Hsu fails to disclose or suggest at least creating and/or building a textual template. In fact, column 4, lines 7-8 and the Abstract of Hsu disclose, “selecting a design template, which has ***previously been created and stored*** on the system (emphasis added),” and fails to show the process of allowing a user to create and/or build a textual template as recite in the claims. For example, the present invention provides at least the step of creating and/or building a textual template, and therefore the present invention does not restrict the user to a select a limited amount of already designed template previously created and stored.

Furthermore, Hsu merely provides a user to compose a multimedia greeting card or multimedia email message by selecting a design template, which is completely distinguishable from the present invention of integrating information electronically into an electronic database by at least creating and/or building a textual template and subsequently updating the electronic database with the edited textual template.

Moreover, to qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102, a single prior art reference must teach, i.e., identically describe, each feature of a rejected claim. As explained above, Hsu fails to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claims 1, 10, 18 and 28. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 10, 18 and 28 are not anticipated by nor rendered obvious by the disclosure of Hsu. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 10, 18 and 28 are allowable.

As claims 2-9 depend from claim 1, claims 11-17 depend from claim 10, claims 19-27 depend from claim 18, and claims 29-32 depend from claim 28, Applicants submit that each of these claims incorporates the patentable aspects therein, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the independent claims, as well as for the additional subject matter recited therein.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that each of claims 1-32 recites subject matter that is neither disclosed nor suggested in the cited prior art. Applicants also submit that the subject matter is more than sufficient to render the

claims non-obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, and therefore respectfully request that claims 1-32 be found allowable and that this application be passed to issue.

If for any reason, the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper has not been timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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